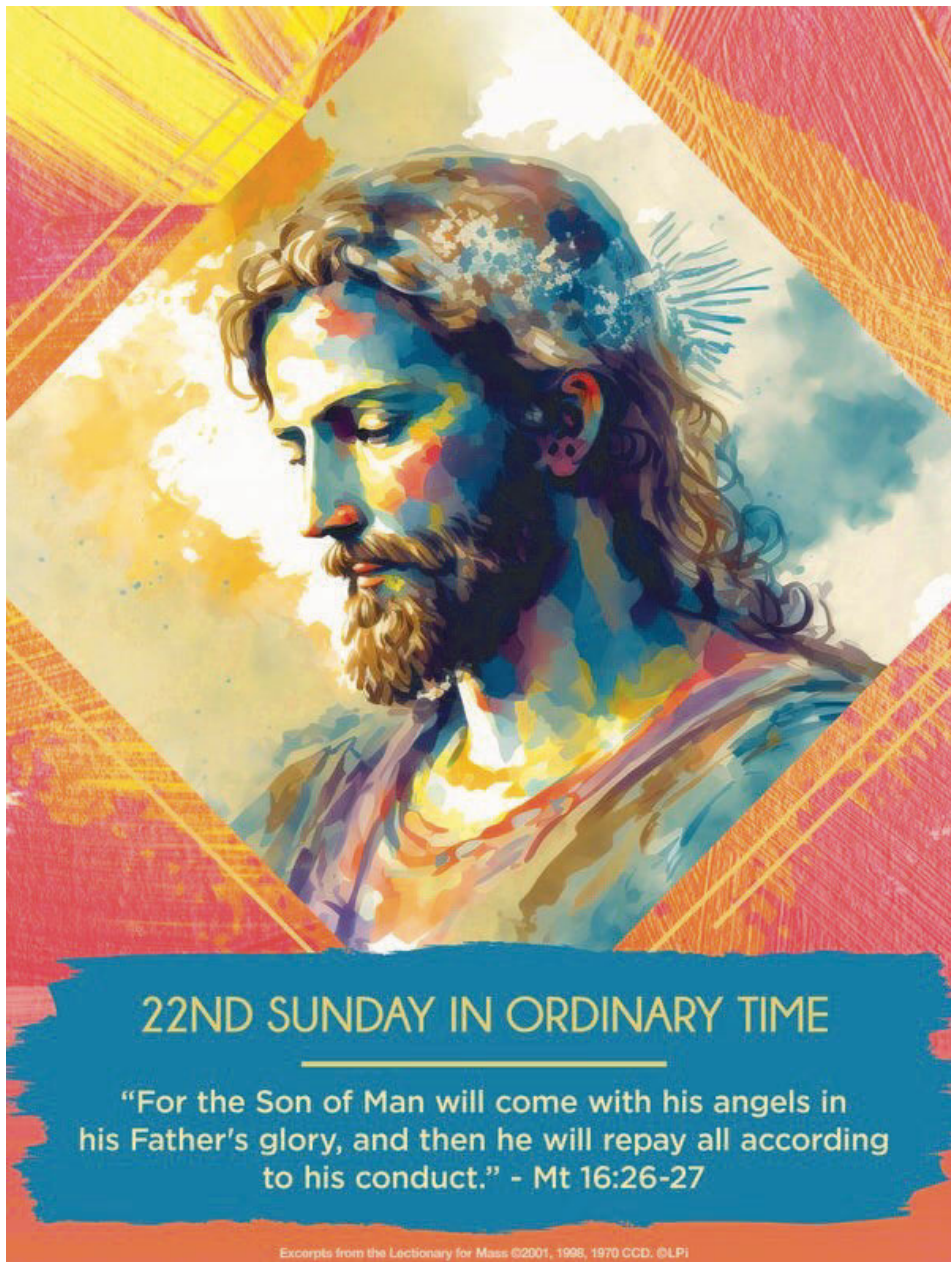




Saints Joseph and
Francis Xavier
Parish

Our Mission:

We honor the traditions of
our parish and welcome all to
unite in prayer and the Sacraments.
Loved by God and guided by the
Holy Spirit, we share the good news
of Jesus Christ through joyful
worship, faithful formation and
dedicated service.



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For the Son of Man will come with his angels in
his Father’s glory, and then he will repay all according
to his conduct.” - Mt 16:26-27

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September 3, 2023



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Saints JFX Mass Schedule

Daily Mass

6:30 am (SFX) Monday through Friday

8:30 am (St. Joseph) Monday through Saturday

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00 pm (St. Joseph)

5:00 pm (SFX)

Sunday Mass

8:00 am (St. Joseph)

9:30 am (SFX)

10:30 am (St. Joseph)*

11:30 am (SFX)

4:45 pm (St. Joseph)

7:30 pm (SFX) Teen ACTION Mass (*September-April*)

*Drive up communion is offered at St. Joseph Church after 10:30 am Mass. Please drive through the lower church parking lot to the Annex door on the south side of the church.

Confession is offered from 9:00 - 10:00 am on Saturday at St. Joseph Church.

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Saints JFX is on social media!

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Facebook (Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier)*

Dear Friends,

“Conforming to this age...” When you hear the command in today’s second reading, “Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect,” what comes to your mind? To me, when I think of conforming to this age, or, better yet, not conforming to this age, I think of so much of this age that we need to reject and stand against.

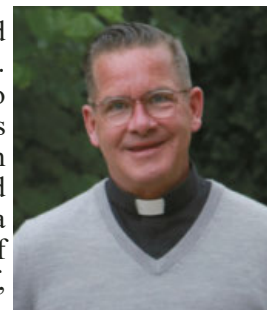
Violence, racism, prejudice, hatred, and unrest have rocked this summer. The evils of social media, among adults and even young people, (who for whatever reason have unlimited unsupervised access to their devices) prevail in our society, and sometimes emerge in our own little community. Conflict and terrorism upset our nation and our world; gun violence and rampant gang activities poison our cities. Hunger and poverty abound. That’s this age.

Conforming to this age starts with the acceptance of the injustices that fill our world. It continues by turning a blind eye to the needs of others, by allowing our needs and wants, our plans, to keep us from realizing that there is a world around us, and that we are not the center of it. Complacency and acceptance of the status quo silently conforms us to this age. Allowing people to feel left out or excluded – for whatever reason - in our Church and in our world continues this conformity.

We need to be transformed by the renewal of our minds. We must discern the will of God. We must decide to pursue what is good and pleasing and perfect. Jesus gives great example of how to do this in the Gospel. Poor Peter. In trouble again! Out of love for Jesus, Peter rejects the plan Jesus announces for himself. The Messiah was going to have to suffer? His teacher was about to be killed? God forbid! Wouldn’t that be our response too? Once again, Jesus uses Peter to teach us all a lesson.

How do *we* think? Do we think as humans do, or do we try to think in God’s ways? Saint Paul reminds his readers that each of us is called to discern the will of God. We are challenged to do what is good and pleasing and perfect. Jesus’ strong statement to Peter demonstrates his own commitment to do the will of his father. Is that not why he was sent to earth, to show us the way to the Father? In his life, in his passion and death, Jesus proves that sometimes

the path to the Father is a rocky and difficult one. We cannot give up. We must continue to strive to do God’s will, because God’s will is good and pleasing and perfect. Even though the plan of God required Jesus to suffer, He, expressing a selfless willingness to do the will of God - no matter the cost to self, shows us the way.



So, no matter the cost, we need to reject the godless ways that this age can represent. We must stand, whether convenient or inconvenient, for what is good, pleasing and perfect. Let’s consider our use (or our children’s use) of social media. What kind of messages are we sending? What kind of comments are we making? As intentional disciples of the one who gives good example, we must make his law of love prevail in our private and professional lives. When we witness injustice, doing what is good and pleasing and perfect requires us to stand up and speak out. When we encounter loneliness, hunger or despair, intentional discipleship demands compassion.

Intentional discipleship invites us to a deeper relationship with Jesus. It encourages us to converse with him and to know his ways. Intentional discipleship allows for no hatred, prejudices, or verbal or physical violence – or unkind words in cyberspace. It insists on a respect for people of every race, immigration status, creed, and language and way of life.

When we do all in our power to pursue what is good and pleasing and perfect, we will be better people and our world will be a better place. Let’s commit to intentional discipleship. Let’s not conform ourselves to the ugliness of this age. Our world needs us to be the change it needs. Won’t you join in the effort to make our world a better place? You’ll be happy you did!

Peace,

Please note!

Monday September 4, 2023 is Labor Day. We will celebrate one daily Mass at 9:00am at St. Francis Xavier Church. Parish offices will be closed for the holiday.

Our first ACTION Mass of the school year will be held on Sunday September 10, 2023 at 7:30pm at St. Francis Xavier Church. All high school students are welcome! For more information please contact Noreen Russo at nrusso@ssjfx.org.

Weekly Mass Schedule

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Monday September 4, 2023

9:00 am SFX
Presider: Fr. Watts

Intentions:
 (L)Rosa Strond



Tuesday September 5, 2023

6:30 am SFX
Presider: Fr. Watts

8:30 am SJ
Presider: Msgr. Mayall

Intentions:
 +Josephina Cannon
 +Mark Solomon D'Silva
 +Honey Sheridan
 +Souls in Purgatory
 (L)Matthew Lee & Family

9:00 am-7:00 pm SJ
 Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm-7:00 pm SJ
 Confession

+ Deceased / (L) Living
 SFX - St. Francis Xavier
 SJ -St. Joseph

Wednesday September 6, 2023

6:30 am SFX
Presider: Fr. Watts

8:30 am SJ
Presider: Fr. Sheridan

Intentions:
 +Don Hirsch
 +Kyongsook Maria Kim
 +John R and Ruth Smith
 (L)David & Fina Riddle

Thursday September 7, 2023

6:30 am SFX
Presider: Fr. Ryan

8:30 am SJ
Presider: Fr. Harnett

Intentions:
 +Christopher Powers
 +Carmen Savignani
 +Domenic Savignani
 +Guillermo & (L)Luz Cannon
 (L)Jack Ohle
 (L)John Olipurathu
 (L)Regina Lee & Family

Friday September 8, 2023

6:30 am SFX
Presider: Fr. Watts

8:30 am SJ
Presider: Fr. Ryan

Intentions:
 +Phillip Couri
 +Molly Harris
 +Nora McKeon
 +Emile Rago
 +Olivia Sergot

Saturday September 9, 2023

8:30 am SJ
Presider: Msgr. Mayall

Intentions:
 +Calvin Ramirez

9:00 am SJ Confession

3:00 pm SFX Wedding
 Murphy/McKenna

5:00 pm SJ
Presider: Fr. Harnett

Intentions:
 +Donald Butzen Jr.
 +Michael Tischler

5:00 pm SFX
Presider: Fr. Sheridan

Intentions:
 +Peter Kintis
 +Patrick Russo

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 on our YouTube channel.

To find our channel, search
Saints JFX on
www.youtube.com

Sunday September 10, 2023

8:00 am SJ
Presider: Fr. Munz, SJ

Intentions:
 +Marcia Nord Alpers
 +Liliana Suci

9:30 am SFX
Presider: Fr. Ryan

Intentions:
 +Mike Eberle
 +Jack McDonagh
 +Mary O'Connell
 +Tony Wallace

10:30 am SJ
Presider: Fr. Watts

Intentions:
 +Joan Bowe
 +Gino Gambacorta
 +Frank & Veronica Merges
 +Zygmunt & Kazimiera
 Kaczorowski

11:30 am SFX
Presider: Fr. Ryan

Intentions:
 +Bob Spriggs

4:45 pm SJ
Presider: Msgr. Mayall

Intentions:
 +Molly Harris

7:30 pm SFX ACTION
Presider: Fr. Ryan

Please pray for the sick and those in need:

Seda Aghajani
 Carmen Albino
 Rory Andrykowski
 Laura B.
 Ginnie Becker
 Heather Campbell
 Cecelia Cruz
 Peter DiClementi, Jr.
 Gino DiPaolo
 John Patrick Gabby
 Ryan Glassberg

Sally Griffin
 Phillip Hall
 Tim Hanson
 Barbara Hardy
 Barbara Hawkinson
 Laura Hendricks
 Catherine Horan
 Bob Kerrigan
 Will Leming
 Betsi Burns Landolt

Barbara Lori-Mayo
 Tiffany McGivern
 John McGuinness
 Dolores Meier
 Colin Mowbray
 Daniel O'Herron
 Pam O'Reilly
 John Ondrejicka
 Keith Osmanski
 Monica Pecuch

David Rochman
 Brian Slowinski
 Mary Stapleton
 Gary Strutz
 Trudy Tonelli
 Elliott Villarreal
 David W.
 Krista Wilkinson
 Audrey Williams

In prayer
 and loving memory of:

Sophia Madden



Please email officessjfx@ssjfx.org to add or remove a name.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is dedicated to helping the poor and others who have fallen upon difficult times.

If you or someone you know is in need of help, please call the parish office at (847) 256-4250 and ask for extension 44. If you are calling outside of business hours, please press 3 to leave a message, and we will return your call as soon as possible. All inquiries are treated in the strictest of confidence.



Saints JFX Ministry of Care



Experienced Ministers of Care are available to bring communion to our parish sick and homebound, those in senior facilities, and Evanston Hospital.

If you or a family member would like to schedule a visit, please contact the MOC Care line at (847) 256-2273 (CARE) or email mbirmingham@ssjfx.org

Sacraments at Saints JFX

Sacrament of Baptism

Request form can be found on our parish website: ssjfx.org/baptism.html

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 9:00 am-10:00 am at St. Joseph Church or by appointment. Please call 847/256-4250

Sacrament of Marriage

Request form can be found on our parish website: ssjfx.org/weddings.html

Parish registration forms can be found on ssjfx.org/join-our-parish.html

Stewardship Report

August 27, 2023

Collected at Church:

Envelopes: \$ 5,865.00

Loose Cash: \$ 1,402.00

Electronic

Contributions: \$21,880.00

Total: \$29,147.00

If you are able, please consider contributing electronically via PushPay using the QR code.



Thank you for your generosity.

Marriage Banns

*Emily Murphy and
Denis McKenna
Bann III*

*Meghan Pappano and
Tony Ghanam
Bann I*

*Mary Poloczek and
Jacob Johnsen
Bann I*



Pray the Rosary

Please join us to pray the Rosary at 7:30 am daily

To join online:

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Meeting ID: 243 977 469 891

Passcode: MYhkSx

If you prefer to call in:

Dial (872)242-9930;

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The Rosary is also prayed at 8:00 am, Monday through Saturday at St. Joseph Church, followed by 8:30 am Mass. All are welcome.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY, PRAY FOR PEACE

US Air Force

Ssgt John Wesley Hobbs
2nd Lt Luke Stenberg

US Army

Rev Chaplain Maj John Barkemeyer
LTC Kelly Quinn Bell
Cpt Christopher Cannon
Cpt Ryan Cannon
PFC Richard Carlson
Spc Harrison Daniels
Maj Jason Harlan
Pvt Ryan Higgins
SPC Zach Lueken
Sgt Brenda Lore Mayo
Sgt David Lore Mayo
Maj Anita Scattone
Lt Col Shawn Schwarz
Lt Ryan Slattery
Maj Benjamin Stumpf

US Marine Corps

Pvt 1st Class Colin Brennan
Pvt Stuart Corboy III
Sgt Joseph Devroy
Cpt Peter Dulaney
Sgt Brandon Galgay
Sgt Aidan Gobeyn
Cpt Brad Gustafson
Ssgt Walter Ramirez
Cpt William Smith
Pfc Trevor J. Talbot
Pvt 1st Class Stevie Williams

US Navy

Cmdr Kevin Carlson
PO2 Kevin Morrison
ENS Hugh Rider
Lt Cmdr Tom Smith
Shane Zeman

US National Guard

Liam Gobeyn
Sgt Steven Tetzlaff
Sgt Jackson Knott

*If you would like to add or remove a name,
please contact us at officessjfx@ssjfx.org.*



Readings for the week of September 3, 2023

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/
Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12,
13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/
Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:
8-10/Mt 18:15-20

A FAMILY OF Faith

Registration is open for our new Family of Faith program (replacing the previous Youth Faith Formation program). FOF enables parents to reconnect with their own faith as they learn how to share it with their children.

Families choose when to work with their children, which accomodates a wide range of schedules, learning styles and abilities. Registration can be found at:

ssjfx.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/9/responses/new

Please mark your calendar for our Meet and Greet for registered families on September 24th after the 4:45pm Mass at St. Joseph Church.

For more information, please contact Dana McKenna at dmckenna@ssjfx.org.

All-day Eucharistic Adoration is Tuesday September 5 9:00 am until 7:00 pm at St Joseph Church.



Confession will be offered 6:00-7:00 pm

Questions? Please reach out to Fr. Ryan at rsryan@ssjfx.org.

*Seeking God gives us life and joy. He is our refuge and our salvation
(Amos 5:4-6, Lamentations 3:25, 1 Chronicles 22:19).*



RCIA is a fantastic program for anyone that wants to learn about the best thing ever – our Jesus and his Holy Church!

The program will officially start on Wednesday October 4, 2023 - please sign up by emailing Michael Cesario at: mjcesario@ssjfx.org

The RCIA program helps assist individuals receive the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, & Reconciliation.

Not sure about joining yet? That's ok, please still reach out to Michael for a conversation, he'd love to meet you and learn about your faith journey!

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday
September 16

OKTOBERFEST

Daytime Family Fun Fair (11am - 2pm)
German Dinner and Beer Garden (6pm - 11pm)

Interested in volunteering? Email the SJFX Stewardship Committee c/o annhollandhughes@yahoo.com

Family Fun Fair tickets can be purchased here Dinner /Beer Garden tickets can be purchased here



The Saints JFX Choral Season begins on Sunday, September 10th!

All parishioners are welcome to join the Saints JFX Parish choir. Come lend your voice and be a part of a wonderful group of singers that brings joy to our Sunday liturgies. The Parish Choir rotates from week to week at both St. Joseph (Sunday 10:30am Mass) and St. Francis Xavier (Sunday 9:30am Mass). Our first choral Mass is scheduled for Sunday, September 10th at St. Joseph Church with a call time prior to Mass at 9:30am for rehearsal.

Please contact our Music Directors for more information:
John Hopkins (jhopkins@ssjfx.org) and Jonathan Metzinger (jmetzinger@ssjfx.org)



Our next meeting is **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 8:00PM** in the Convent Basement on the St. Joseph School campus.

Join us for fellowship, prayer, and a quick 360° review of all that's going on in our parish.

Refreshments will be in ample supply, and NFL football will be live-streamed.

Quick Hits...

Social:

The Saints JFX Golf Outing is Friday, September 8. A few spots remain – use the QR code to register



Spiritual:

Men's Morning of Reflection #2
Saturday, October 28 – Save the Date

Service:

Oktoberfest is Saturday, September 16. Volunteers are needed. Please contact the parish office at 847-256-4250 for signup information.

Membership:

Encourage your friends to enroll as a member of the Men's Club via the parish website: ssjfx.org/mens-club.html

If you're looking for fellowship and a sense of community, this is a chance to get involved. Scan the QR code for ways to serve, and a team leader will reach out to you.



Dear Women of Saints Joseph & Francis Xavier Parish,

Welcome! We invite you to explore all that the Saints Joseph & Francis Xavier Women's Club has to offer. The Women's Club has been in existence for over 150 years, and we are very pleased to welcome new members from our parish. The Women's Club was formed to promote the best interests of the parish through its spiritual, social and community activities.

We support the mission of the parish by offering wonderful opportunities to meet new people, serve others, and grow spiritually. Activities include:

- Community service
- Fundraising activities
- Social events
- Faith discussions and guest speakers

You can find detailed information about the Club, our guilds, and activities, as well as instructions on how to join at ssjfx.org/womens-club.html. Check out our monthly e-newsletter (September through June) to find out more about the Club's activities. Please email us at ssjfxwomensclub@gmail.com with any questions.

This year's Fall Membership General Meeting and Dinner will take place on Wednesday Sept 20 at Wilmette Harbor Club – RSVP by using the QR code below. Sign up closes September 17.



We encourage you to remain/become a part of this exceptional group of women!

Deirdre Dennett and Jennifer McGinn
Co-Presidents, Saints Joseph & Francis Xavier Women's Club

Current members-you can renew your membership using the QR code here





Saints Joseph and
Francis Xavier Parish
One Plan



VISIONING TOWN HALLS

What do you envision for the future of Saints JFX?

Join us to share your thoughts!

WHEN: Tuesday, September 19 | 6:30pm - 8:30pm

WHERE: St. Joseph Church, 1747 Lake Ave, 60091

OR

WHEN: Tuesday, September 26 | 6:30pm - 8:30pm

WHERE: St. Francis Xavier Church, 524 9th St 60091

For the Saints JFX master planning process, the Parish is hosting **two Visioning Town Halls** to review initial concept studies that illustrate exciting opportunities and enhancements for the Saints JFX One Plan. Both Town Halls will cover the same information and will be in an informal open house layout - feel free to drop by one or both, any time between 6:30pm and 8:30pm.

Town Hall exhibits will be both informational and interactive, providing the opportunity to delve into the concepts, share your thoughts and ideas, and actively contribute to shaping the future of Saints JFX. We need your input! Come explore with us and spread the word to family and friends.

www.SaintsJFXOnePlan.com

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Last year, a generous group of parishioners participated in a match that raised over \$800,000 and funded over 130 scholarships to help clear the waitlist of students eligible for tax credit scholarships at St. Thomas of Canterbury. And this year’s match has already begun! Gifts made to St. Thomas of Canterbury through the Sharing Our Gifts campaign will be matched \$1 for \$1 to clear the waitlist, which means that **for every dollar you donate an additional dollar will be donated to St. Thomas of Canterbury, our Sharing Parish School.** But we must act fast! The matching gift program will only last until October 1, or until matching funds are depleted.

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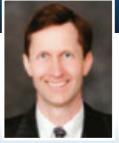
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